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Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 15 September 1952

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PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. [] Becker, Hedden, Col. White, []

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General Smith:

a. Referred to a cable to the [] 25X1 and stated that (1) under no circumstances would instructions involving questions of National policy be issued without his personal approval; (2) in his absence from the city only the D/DCI could act for him in regard to such instructions; (3) he expected the Cable Secretary in the near future to be in a position whereby he would bring to the attention of the Director ~~any such instructions~~ contained in a cable, and which cable had not been personally approved by the Director and, in his absence, the D/DCI. [] noted that he must assume responsibility for the contents of the above-cited cable since it had been brought to his attention prior to dispatch.

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c. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative, [] 25X1 concerning "Western arms". After some discussion wherein Col. White noted that he believed the information contained in this cable was in error, he (Col. White) undertook to furnish the DCI with a further report on this matter.

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g. Referred to the item in today's Log concerning State's request for our comment on their suggestions for expanding that Department's collection of scientific intelligence and stated that from the information he had at hand it would appear that there was considerable independent action in the intelligence community on the collection of such intelligence. Mr. Becker noted that (1) he and Mr. [redacted] had this matter under consideration; (2) it was the responsibility of State to collect scientific intelligence.

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